

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Diallo Crenshaw on 7/8/08.

2. The application has been amended as follows:
Please amend claims 11 and 17 as shown below:

11. (currently amended): A method of storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, said method comprising, when storing or transferring a second image for storage or transfer which has a second resolution for storage or transfer differing from a reference resolution, the steps of:

correcting a reference image-processing parameter set according to a reference resolution image having said reference resolution, based on a difference between said reference resolution and said second resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter corresponding to said second image;

storing or transferring said second parameter obtained by said correction, along with said second image, ~~and wherein said second parameter comprises a plurality of transform functions~~ and each of said plurality of transform functions respectively corresponds to each image signal of said reference resolution image.

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17. (currently amended): A system for storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, and processing said stored or transferred image by use of said stored or transferred parameter, said system comprising:

means for storing or transferring information on a reference image-processing parameter set according to a reference resolution image having a reference resolution and information on said reference resolution, along with a second image for storage or transfer which has a second resolution for storage or transfer differing from said reference resolution;

parameter correction means for correcting said stored or transferred reference image-processing parameter, based on said stored or transferred information on said reference resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter corresponding to said stored or transferred second image; and

means for processing said stored or transferred second image by use of said second parameter obtained by said correction, ~~and wherein said second parameter comprises a plurality~~ of transform functions and each of said plurality of transform functions respectively corresponds to each image signal of said reference resolution image.

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Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19, the prior art does not disclose a method, apparatus, system, or image processor with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

wherein said second parameter comprises a plurality of transform functions and each of said plurality of transform functions respectively corresponds to each image signal of said reference resolution image, as stated in claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19.

Claim 20 is allowed for the reasons stated in the previous office action filed on 12/13/07.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 571-272-7369. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571-272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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